

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (New): An image forming system including at least a first image forming apparatus and a second image forming apparatus, comprising:

means for reading an image on a document and outputting an image data according to said image on said document, said means for reading provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for storing an additional data configured to be added to said image data, said means for storing provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for printing an image according to said image data output by said reading means and said additional data stored in said storing means, said means for printing provided in said first image forming apparatus; and

means for determining whether said second image forming apparatus stores said additional data or not, provided in said first image forming apparatus.

Claim 14 (New): An image forming system including at least a first image forming apparatus and a second image forming apparatus, comprising:

means for receiving an image data, said means for receiving provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for storing an additional data to be added to said image data, said means for storing provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for printing an image according to said image data output by said reading means and said additional data stored in said storing means, said means for printing provided in said first image forming apparatus; and

means for determining whether or not said second image forming apparatus stores said additional data, provided in said first image forming apparatus.

Claim 15 (New): An image forming system including at least a first image forming apparatus and a second image forming apparatus, comprising:

means for reading an image on a document and outputting an image data according to said image on said document, said means for reading provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for storing an additional data to be added to said image data, said means for storing provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for printing an image according to said image data output by said reading means and said additional data stored in said storing means, said means for printing provided in said first image forming apparatus; and

means for transferring said image data to said second image forming apparatus when said additional data is stored in said second image forming apparatus, said means for transferring provided in said first image forming apparatus.

Claim 16 (New): An image forming system including at least a first image forming apparatus and a second image forming apparatus, comprising:

means for reading an image on a document and outputting an image data according to said image on said document, said means for reading provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for storing an additional data configured to be added to said image data, said means for storing provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for printing an image according to said image data output by said reading means and said additional data stored in said storing means, said means for printing provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for transferring said image data to said second image forming apparatus, said means for transferring provided in said first image forming apparatus; and

means for preventing said transferring means from transferring said image data to said second image forming apparatus when said additional data is not stored in said second image forming apparatus.

Claim 17 (New): A method of forming an image in a system including at least a first image forming apparatus and a second image forming apparatus, comprising:

reading an image on a document and outputting an image data according to said image on said document in said first image forming apparatus;

storing an additional data to be added to said image data in said first image forming apparatus;

printing an image according to said image data and said additional data in said first image forming apparatus; and

determining whether or not said second image forming apparatus stores said additional data.

Claim 18 (New): An image forming system including at least a first image forming apparatus and a second image forming apparatus, comprising:

means for reading an image on a document and outputting a first image data according to said image on said document, said means for reading provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for storing a second image data registered by an operator, said means for storing provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for printing an image according to the first image data output by said reading means and the second image data stored in said storing means, said means for printing provided in said first image forming apparatus; and

means for determining whether or not said second image forming apparatus stores said second image data, said means for determining provided in said first image forming apparatus.

Claim 19 (New): An image forming system including at least a first image forming apparatus and a second image forming apparatus, comprising:

mean for reading an image on a document and outputting a first image data according to said image on said document, said means for reading provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for storing a second image data registered by an operator, said means for storing provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for printing an image according to the first image data output by said reading means and the second image data stored in said storing means, said means for printing provided in said first image forming apparatus; and

means for transferring the first image data to said second image forming apparatus when the second image data is stored in said second image forming apparatus, said means for transferring provided in said first image forming apparatus.

Claim 20 (New): An image forming system including at least a first image forming apparatus and a second image forming apparatus, comprising:

means for reading an image on a document and outputting a first image data according to said image on said document, said means for reading provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for storing a second image data registered by an operator, said means for storing provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for printing an image according to the first image data output by said reading means and the second image data stored in said storing means, said means for printing provided in said first image forming apparatus;

means for transferring the first image data to said second image forming apparatus, said means for transferring provided in said first image forming apparatus; and

means for preventing said transferring means from transferring the first image data to said second image forming apparatus when the second image data is not stored in said second image forming apparatus.

Claim 21 (New): A method of forming an image in a system including at least a first image forming apparatus and a second image forming apparatus, comprising:

reading an image on a document and outputting a first image data according to said image on said document in said first image forming apparatus;

storing a second image data registered by an operator in said first image forming apparatus;

printing an image according to the first image data and the second image data in said first image forming apparatus; and

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transferring the first image data to said second image forming apparatus when the  
second image data is stored in said second image forming apparatus.